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BEGIN SUMMARY: CONSULTATIONS ON HIDES AND SKINS UNABLE REACH AGREED CONCLUSIONS. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (LDCS) CLEARLY MORE INTERESTED IN FABRICATED LEATHER PRODUCTS THAN HIDES AND SKINS. ARGENTINA TOOK LEAD IN PRESSING FOR SET OF CONCLUSIONS IT KNEW WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN APPARENT EFFORT BOLSTER ARGUMENT AT SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA THAT CONSULTATIONS NOT ACHIEVING RESULTS AND NEW ACTION PLAN REQUIRED (SEE SEPTEL RE GENEVA GROUP OF 77 PAPER FOR GA). LDCS INSISTED ON ANNEXING TO REPORT STATEMENT OF THEIR VIEWS. EC, US AND JAPAN ALSO ANNEXING STATEMENTS. END SUMMARY
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1. JOINT UNCTAD/FAO INTENSIVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS ON HIDES AND SKINS MET IN GENEVA APRIL 1-5 AND WAS UNABLE REACH AGREED ONCLUSIONS. ARGENTINA (AND TO LESSER EXTENT BRAZIL) TOOK LEAD IN TURNING MEETING INTO USUAL UNCTAD SESSION BASED ON SOLIDARITY OF GROUP OF 77 (DEVELOPING COUNTRIES). ARGENTINA REP (SANCHEZ-ARNAU) MADE CLEAR PRIVATELY HE WOULD NOT ACCEPT CONCLUSIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE REACHED IN CONSULTATIONS IN FAO AND LATER PRESENTED SET OF CONCLUSIONS ON BEHALF OF GROUP OF 77 WHICH HE KNEW UNLIKELY BE BASIS FOR MUTUAL AGREEMENT. WHEN NO AGREEMENT REACHED, ARGENTINA STATED THIS REFLECTED LACK OF POLITICAL WILL AND CONSULTATIONS SHOULD END WITH NO AGREED CONCLUSIONS BUT ONLY AGREED SUMMARY.

2. IN PLENARY, ARGENTINA ON BEHALF OF GROUP OF 77 INSISTED ON ANNEXING STATEMENT TO REPORT EXPRESSING CONCERN AND REGRET OF LDCS THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE ARRIVE AT MEANIFUL SET OF AGREED CONCLUSIONS CONTAINING COMMITMENTS ON CONCRETE MEASURES AND SPELLING OUT IN SOME DETAIL THEIR VIEWS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES. TO BALANCE LDC STATE-
MENT, US AND EC AND JAPAN ALSO ANNEXING STATEMENTS. US STATEMENT DRAWS PRINCIPALLY ON US POSITION PAPER ON PURPOSE OF CONSULTATIONS (AGENDA ITEM 3). IT DESIGNED TO SET FORTH CRITERIA AGAINST WHICH WE WEIGH CONSULTATIONS AND EMPHASIZES POINT THAT WHAT ENVISAGED WAS CONSULTATIONS AND NOT NEGOTIATIONS. WE CONCLUDE SUMMARY OF REPORT COULD SERVE AS EQUIVALENT TO SET OF MEANINGFUL CONCLUSIONS AND SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF GOVERNMENTS FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION AND CONSIDERATION AS IN CASE OF REPORTS ON OTHER CONSULTA
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TIONS (I. E. IN FAO).

3. TEXT OF SECTION V ENTITLED SUMMARY READS AS FOLLOWS:

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THE MEETING CONCLUDED THAT THE ISSUES COVERED DURING THE INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS, THE COMMENTS MADE AND THE PROPOSALS ADVANCED IN THE FIELDS OF MARKET ACCESS AND PRICING POLICY, WHICH ARE SUM-
MARIZED BELOW, SHOULD IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 7(VII) OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS AND THE RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL FORA FOR THEIR CONSIDERA-
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4. PRINCIPAL EMPHASIS OF LDCS (NOTABLY INDIA, ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL) WAS TRADE POLICIES OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR LEATHER PRODUCTS. INDIA PRESSED FOR SPECIFIC CONCLUSION THAT CONSULTATIONS RECOGNIZE DESIRABILITY OF SHIFT IN ORDERLY AND PLANNED FASHION OF LEATHER INDUSTRY FROM DCS TO LDCS AND THAT SUBJECT BE CONSIDERED IN DETAIL AT SOME FUTURE MEETING. ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL PRESSED ELIMINATION OF TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS (INCLUDING JAPANESE QRS) WITH SPECIFIC CONCLUSION THAT MTN TREAT HIDES, SKINS, LEATHER

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AND LEATHER PRODUCTS AS SINGLESECTOR IN ORDER PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF TARIFF ESCALATION. THEY ALSOURGED EC ELIMINATE CEILINGS IN GSP SCHEME ON THESE PRODUCTS AND SUGGESTED US AND CANADA IMPLEMENT GSP SOONEST. WHILE BACKING GENERAL LINE TAKEN BY LDCS, STATEMENTS BY SOMALIA AND SUDAN TENDED STRESS NEED FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN PRODUCTION, PROCESSING AND MARKETING OF HIDES AND SKINS.

5. VARIOUS SECRETARIAT PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER INSTITUTIONAL MACHINERY INCLUDING ADDITIONAL MEETINGS RECEIVED SURPRISINGLY LITTLE SUPPORT FROM LDCS. URUGUAY WAS ONLY LDC TO SUPPORT ESTABLISHMENT PERMANENT IGG IN FAO. SEVERAL IN EC WANTED HAVE UNIFIED EC STATEMENT SUPPORTING CONCEPT OF PERMANENT GROUP SINCE COMMUNITY HAD NOTHING TO GIVE ON SUBSTANCE. GERMAN DEL WAS OPPOSED IDEA AND TOOK FIRM STAND AGAINST SUCH STATEMENT AFTER IT TOLD THAT US ALSO OPPOSED PERMANENT GROUP. ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL TOLD US PRIVATELY THEY WANTED NO NEW INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. NOT CLEAR, HOWEVER, WHETHER THEY SEE NO NEEDFOR SUCH ARRANGEMENTS IN UN OR WHETHER OBJECTIVE IS BLOCK FAO GROUP IN HOPE OF LATER ESTABLISHING BODY IN UNCTAD. US SUGGES-TION USE MEAT GROU FOR DATA COLLECTION N HIDES AND SKINS GOT NO SUPPORT. ARGENTINA AT FIRST AGREED BUT LATER RETRACTED STATEMENT OF SUPPORT. FRANCE (JANTON) OBJECTED ON GROUNDS DIFFERENT EXPERTS INVOLVED IN MEAT.

6. EC COMMISSION REPRESENTED BY INEXPERIENCED AND INEFFECTIVE TEAM. THIS CONTRARY TO HIGH-LEVEL TEAMS SENT TO FAO WHEN CAP COMMODITIES DISCUSSED.MILLER

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